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These stamps are the 3c N. W. Territory, 5c Virginia Dare, 3c Constitution and the four Territories stamps which are of the regular commemorative issues. For these we have issued a single page for single copies which is listed as Unit No. 137. We have made two pages to take care of blocks of four of these stamps which is listed as Unit No. 237. Then there is the 10c Asheville Souvenir sheet which requires a page and which we list as Unit No. 337. Besides these stamps there is the 20c and 50c Trans-Pacific Air Mail stamps for which we have issued a page for single stamps which is Unit No. 437, and a page for the blocks of four is Unit No. 537.

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The First Commemoratives

By Bob Richardson

MAY 1st is a date that should rank second in importance on the philatelic calendar. On May 6, 1840, the first postage stamps were issued by Great Britain, the famous penny blacks and two-pence blues; on May 1st, 1888 the first adhesive commemorative stamp was issued by the British Colony of New South Wales in Australia. 1938 thus becomes the 50th Anniversary of Commemorative stamps, a class of stamps that now predominate in all new issues, and to which much of the growth of our hobby is due. Those of us who lament the seemingly increasing tendency of many countries to include high values in their commemorative sets, should not think things are getting worse for that first commemorative stamp had a face value of 20 shillings—$5.00. Fortunately, most of the issues since then have not followed the precedent set by their expensive ancestor, though some have imitated its high cost with a vengeance. The matter of celebrating this Golden (Golden in more than one way) Jubilee is a debatable subject, so we will omit any mention of such a project.

In the summer of 1887 New South Wales, one of the British Colonies on the Australian Continent, was making plans for celebrating the Centennial of the Colony. On January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip had landed at Botany Bay, nine miles from the present city of Sydney, and founded the first settlement on the continent. The idea of special stamps (commemorative stamps were then unknown) originated with the then Vice-President of the Philatelic Society of Australia, one Thomas Pugh. We'd ask Mr. Pugh to step forward and take a bow, but we fear the brickbats might outnumber the bouquets. At the August 2nd meeting of the Society a committee was appointed to present the suggestion to the proper authorities. Accordingly on the morning of the 5th, the committee of four, headed by the Society's President, Archdeacon King, waited upon the Premier, Sir Henry Parks, who immediately fell in with the idea and promised to take it up with the other cabinet members. The subject was discussed at the meeting of the cabinet that afternoon and after much consideration there was printed in the Nov. 16th Government Gazette this notice:

General Post-Office,
Sydney, 15th November, 1887.

DESIGNS FOR NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

Designs will be received at this Office until noon on Tuesday, the 6th December, for EIGHT NEW POSTAGE STAMPS, intended to be commemorative of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the foundation of the Colony.

The design must be drawn in black and white, to a scale four times the size of the present penny postage stamp. A distinct design will be required for each of the following denominations, viz:—

One Penny.	Eightpence.
Twopence.	One Shilling.
Fourpence.	Five Shillings.
Sixpence.	Twenty Shillings.

The value of each stamp must be expressed in words, and the words "New South Wales Postage" and "One Hundred Years" to be common to all.

Tenderers may submit designs for one or the whole.

A premium of £10 10s will be given for the best design for each denomination, and £3 3s for the second best.

The designs for which premiums are given to become the property of the Government; those that have not obtained the prizes will be returned to the owners.

The designs are to be addressed to the Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney, from whom any further information may be obtained.

Each design to be marked on the right-hand lower corner with some distinctive sign or motto, and the name and address of the tenderer enclosed in a sealed cover (marked with the same sign or motto), to accompany the design, which cover will not be opened until the selections have been made.

CHARLES J. ROBERTS.

On Dec. 13th a committee from the Society inspected the 956 designs sent in by about 250 competitors. Most were rather crude drawings, but 100 or so were really fine works of art. January 6th, Postmaster General Roberts published the list of winning designs and subsequently all designs, including rejected ones were publicly exhibited. As the stamps were issued it was noticed that the winning designs of the 2d, 8d and 1/- were not used and none of the second choice designs were used at all. Since the colony used nearly 50,000,000 1d and 2d stamps in a year, it was decided not to have the series engraved, and they were produced by the electrotyping process at the Government Printing Office. The engraver was William Bell, who engraved each design on a small piece of steel for a die. Plates were made by making the proper number of impressions from this die on a sheet of lead then suspending the lead sheet in the electrotyping bath and an electrotype shell made, which when mounted was used to print the stamps themselves.

Although the centenary celebration was to open on Jan. 26, 1888, the stamps were not then ready, the first of the series not being announced until this notice appeared:

General Post Office,
Sydney, 26th April, 1888.

CENTENARY OF THE COLONY—NEW ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMP.

It is notified that, on and after the 1st May next, a New Postage Stamp described below, of the value of twenty shillings, will be issued in substitution for the one now current. Until, however, the supply of the present Twenty Shilling Stamp becomes exhausted such stamp may be used.

Description of New Twenty Shilling Stamp.

The stamp is printed in light blue. It represents the Governors of New South Wales in the respective years 1788 and 1888, viz.:—Captain Phillip and Lord Carrington. They appear as if on two coins, one partially hidden behind the other. The coin in the front bears the portrait of Lord Carrington; it is clearly and strongly defined, and near its edge are printed the words Twenty Shillings (the value of the stamp) and the figures 1888. The second coin bears the portrait of Captain Phillip and the figures 1788; it is smaller than the other, as if far off, and is surrounded by clouds to convey the idea of distance and space of time. Floating between the coins, amongst the clouds, is a fluttering banner with the words "One hundred years." The spaces surrounding the coins are filled in with the Australian ferns and Christmas bells(blandfordia nobilis), the latter being appropriately suggestive of ringing in the glad Centennial time.

Until special paper can be procured, the stamp will be printed on that now used for the present Five Shilling Stamp.

CHAS. J. ROBERTS.

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STOP PRESS

The illustration bill permitting reproduction of U. S. stamp designs in philatelic journals and newspapers passed the House on Tuesday, Jan 18th with no opposition. The bill has yet to receive the President's signature.

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The five shilling watermark was a diamond enclosing 5/- over N. S. W. The special twenty shilling paper when finally received had a design of a circle enclosing 20/- and N. S. W. Since the latter paper was in use much longer, it is much commoner, especially cancelled. Though no reason was given for issuing this highest denomination first, it can be readily understood due to its having the current Governor's portrait. Captain Phillip had to wait a half-century before he again appears on postal paper, and then it was on the current sesquicentennial Australian set commemorating the same event. Perhaps the Australians profited by the delays of 50 years ago, as the new series appeared some months before the anniversary. There was no such thing in 1888 as collectors of First Day Covers and there is no record of the Sydney post-office being in the least overworked by cancelling and selling the new stamps. In fairness though, perhaps if they got out a stamp of that high denomination even today there would be no jam at the stamp windows.

The next of the series to appear was the one penny violet lake which in a circle enclosed a view of Sydney from Mossman's Bay, the frame being ornamented with Australian ferns. It appeared July 9th, over the strenuous objections of the newspapers, who claimed it should be printed in the accepted red for 1d stamps and that the violet color would cause confusion with the current 6d stamp. But Postmaster General Roberts had made up his mind the color was to be violet lake and so the stamp in that color was issued despite much pressure brought to bear on him.

Next cames the 2d, printed in deep blue, issued on Sept. 1st. The central design is an Emu, with the four corners of the border having interwoven the berries of the Lilly-pilly, the Corea or native Fuchsia, and feathery sprays of wattle.

October 8th, appeared the 4d chocolate brown with portrait of Capt. Cook, who discovered Botany Bay in 1770. At the foot of the portrait appears the Australian Coat of Arms.

The sixpence carmine rose (officially described as "rosine") was issued on November 26th. The design featured the Queen's head in upper left corner, to the right of which appears the Southern Cross; beneath these appears the New South Wales Coat of Arms surrounded by Australian flowers, the waratah, wattle blossoms, eucalyptus, ferns and heath.

Evidently the issuing of the set was more of a job than was expected for two values did not appear until during 1889 and the last in 1890. On Jan. 17th the 8d plum appeared, the design showing a Lyre-bird in oval frame, surrounded by native flowers, waratah and honeysuckle. A month later on Feb. 21st, 1889, appeared the one shilling. Its central subject was a Kangaroo, based on a photograph taken at the museum, the border again being native flowers and shrubs. The color was described as purple brown.

More than a year passed before the last of the issue came out, the Five Shil-

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285	.10	400	.40	627	.02	683	.08
287	.75	401	.18	628	.13	688	.06
294	.06	402	.07	629	.07	689	.04
295	.02	403	.60	643	.06	690	.02
296	.32	404	1.40	644	.17	702	.02
298	1.65	548	.07	645	.03	703	.05
299	.85	549	.04	646	.08	1300	.43
323	.18	550	.70	647	.14	1301	.90
328	.14	613	.06	648	.44	1302	1.15
329	.06	614	.08	649	.04	1303	.44
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ling, described as mauve in color. Issued on March 13, 1890, its design is a map of the Australian Continent and shows the Colonies of New South Wales Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia; to the right is the New South Wales shield and on the left the Imperial shield.

As a result of changes in watermarks, the 1d, 2d, 5/-, and 20/- are listed in catalogs with two varieties each. A Miss Devine was author of the designs of the 1d, 2d, and 8d; Henry A. Barraclough designed the 4d; M. Tannenberg the 8d; Chas. Turner the 5/- and Mrs. F. W. Stoddard, the 20/-. The 1/- design was made up in Government offices.

In addition to the adhesive stamps, postal cards and envelopes were issued. The 1d stamped envelope appeared on July 15, 1888, and the 2d much later. The 1d postal card appeared in September, 1888, and was featured by a reproduction of the waratah flower covering the left vertical end of the card. The stamps on this postal stationery were the same as the adhesives in design and color.

Since this 1888 series there have been issued nearly 500 different commemorative issues, most appearing since the World War. The place for second country to issue commemoratives is a dead heat between several of the Latin-American nations who issued sets in 1892 for the Four Hundredth Anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America.

The United States had issued commemorative stamped envelopes in 1876 for the Centennial Exposition.

Britain Closes Morocco Offices

The Postal Administration of Great Britain has announced that effective Jan. 8th, its postal agencies at Fez and Rabat, French Morocco, would be closed. This probably means the end of Morocco Agency stamps in French currency.

Guatemala Miniature Sheets

A correspondent reports in Mekeels that part of the supply of the Guatemala miniature sheets for the U. S. Constitution celebration were lost or stolen enroute to Guatemala and that none of the remainder may be issued. 200,000 of the 1c olive green semi-postal of 1927 have been overprinted for the Sesquicentennial. N. Y. Times of Jan. 16th reports and illustrates the Pres. Roosevelt stamp, so the sheets apparently have been issued.

New Grossman List

Grossman Stamp Co. of New York have released Part 7 of their wholesale catalog No. 85, pricing sets and singles added since publication of Parts 5 and 6. Dealers may obtain a copy on request.

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Columbian Used Singles (1c to 10c)	$1.50
Columbian Mint Singles (1c to 10c)	5.50
Trans-Mississippi (1c to 10c) Used Singles	4.40
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Jamestown (1c to 5c) Used Singles	1.50
Panama-Pacific (1c to 10c) Used Singles, Perf. 12	1.35
Panama-Pacific (1c to 10c) Used Singles, Perf. 10	2.50
Pilgrim (1c to 5c) Used Singles	1.00
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Huguenot-Walloon (1c to 5c) Mint Singles	1.90
Huguenot-Walloon (1c to 5c) Mint Blks.	9.00
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Lexington-Concord (1c to 5c) Mint Singles	1.25
Lexington-Concord (1c to 5c) Mint Blks.	5.95
Norse-American (2c to 5c) Used Singles	1.40
Norse-American (2c to 5c) Mint Singles	1.60
Norse-American (2c to 5c) Mint Blocks	7.25
Washington Bicentennials Used Singles	.20
Washington Bicentennials Mint Singles	1.05
Washington Bicentennials Mint Blocks	4.40
National Parks Perforated, Used Singles	.50
National Parks Perforated, Mint Singles	.90
National Parks Perforated, Mint Blocks	3.50
National Parks Farley Imp. Used Singles	1.10
National Parks Farley Imp. Mint Singles	1.25
National Parks Farley Imperf. Mint Pairs	2.50
National Parks Farley Imp. Mint Blocks	5.00

Farley Re-Issue Special Printings of March 15, 1935

		Single Mint	Single Used	Mint Block	Center line bl.	Pl.No. bl. (6)	Hor. li. bl. (4)	Vert. line bl. (4)	Arrow bl. (4)
756	1c Park-Imperf.	$ .05	$ .04	$ .20	$1.25	$ .30	$ .25	$ .40	$ .25
757	2c Park-Imperf.	.09	.07	.36	2.50	.75	.50	.40	.50
758	3c Park-Imperf.	.10	.07	.40	2.50	.75	.85	.45	.50
759	4c Park-Imperf.	.12	.10	.48	3.50	1.00	.75	.55	.75
760	5c Park-Imperf.	.13	.11	.60	4.00	1.10	.60	.90	.75
761	6c Park-Imperf.	.19	.15	.76	5.00	1.90	1.20	.80	.....
762	7c Park-Imperf.	.19	.16	.80	5.50	1.90	1.25	.86	.....
763	8c Park-Imperf.	.20	.17	.90	6.60	2.10	.90	1.50	.....
764	9c Park-Imperf.	.20	.18	1.00	9.00	2.40	1.40	.95	.....
765	10c Park-Imperf.	.21	.18	1.00	9.00	2.69	.95	1.40	.....
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766-770-5	Souvenir	.35	.35	1.60	2.25	6.00	.....		.....
754	3c Mothers Day	.11	.10	.45	3.25	1.25			.....
755	3c Wisconsin	.11	.10	.45	3.25	1.25	3.75	3.25	
752	3c Newburgh-Perf.	.05	.04	.18	.....	.....		TOP PLATE	
753	3c Byrd-Perf.	.10	.....	.40				BLOCKS	
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National Parks, 3c, sheets of 6	.60
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S. P. A. 10c	.15

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Coronation First Days Expected From Tristan Da Cunha

South African collectors are expecting the arrival of "First Day" covers of British or South African Coronation stamps postmarked from the lonely island of Tristan Da Cunha, for in December a whaler was expected to stop at the island and deposit there the Postmaster, the Rev. Harold Wilde, a missionary. The postmaster had been absent nearly a year and was taking a supply of stamps back with him. Covers will probably not arrive for months.

N. Y. World's Fair P. O.

Effective January 1st, the World's Fair Station of the Flushing, N. Y. postoffice was established. Thus little Flushing steals from New York the postal advertising resulting from the special cancellation, a thing which the committee for the New York World's Fair had been fighting without much success. The committee felt that the office should be a branch of New York City since it was New York City's fair.

The Czech railways ran special trains to the recent Bratislava Philatelic Exhibition. Crowds stormed the show to get the special sheets.

CORONATION COVERS

Add to your collection--tomorrow will be too late. Br. Guiana First Days @ 30c, Basutoland First Days @ 35c, Barbados 35c, Br. Honduras 40c, Bechuanaland 40c, Bahamas 35c, Cayman Islands 35c, Cyprus 40c, Ceylon 40c, Falkland Islands 50c, Grenada 35c, Hong Kong 40c, Jamaica 35c, Leeward Islands 40c, Mauritius 65c, Malta 35c, Swaziland $1.00, Turks 30c.

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Mint New Guinea Coronations at	50c
Nauru at	40c
1 set Gordon Sudan at	$11.00
1928 Cyprus	$15.00
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Nicaragua Constitution airs	$3.50
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285	.35	518a	3.50	644	.22		
286	.25	529	.06	647	.18		
314	1.10	535	1.00	648	.45		
320	1.25	563c	.35	649	.08		
323	.43	565a	.23	650	.24		
376	.44	570	.80	658-68	4.20		
383	.10	575	.58	771	.65		
384	.10	576	.15	778-81	.28		
399	1.95	577	.17	1303	.48		
400	3.40	620	.27	1304	2.10		
400a	7.50	621	1.30	1305	2.40		
408	.08	627	.14	1312	7.25		
409	.08	628	.38	1313	15.00		
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Your Washington Correspondent

By CHARLES A. KENNY, Washington Times Stamp Editor

From all indications, it will be quite a while before the Post Office Department announces plans for the issuance of the first postage stamp for the 1938 "campaign."

Philatelists and philatelic writers here, who had high hopes of receiving definite information by this time concerning the program that is expected from the Post Office Department in the way of new issues, will have to wait a while longer.

At present, The President is busily engaged in a series of conferences with industrial leaders of the nation, consequently the Division of Stamps is at a standstill because of this.

It is known that The President approves and passes on all matters of stamps personally. Nothing has been approved by him yet, and nothing will be, until the economic adjustments through these conferences.

Local dealers are moaning the slowness of business following the holiday rush and attribute this slackness to the failure of the Post Office Department to reveal plans for 1938. This same lack of business is probably noted by dealers in other parts of the country as well as here.

In holding up the philatelic "works" it is the writer's opinion that a heavy program will be launched in the summer and late fall. We know that the Regular Series is on the books for delivery this year, and we also know definitely that three Constitutions, a Delaware Centenary, and a Northwest Territory are planned.

There is an outside chance that the "Heroes of Peace" and a Missouri commemorative in celebration of the Platte Purchase will be given consideration. But then again, should the '38 program be late in getting underway there is a possibility that such stamps will be vetoed, with the Heroes coming to the front as a major issue in 1939.

According to Post Office officials, the Philatelic Agency for the month of December registered a total sale of 128,265.83, the highest December in the history of the Agency.

The figure brought the Agency's sales for the first six months of the current fiscal year to $1,174,114.80, the highest first six months of any fiscal year since the establishment of the Agency in 1923. For the first six months of the last fiscal year, the Agency sales amounted to only $858,079.29.

For the 10-cent Great Smoky Mountains Society of Philatelic Americans sheet the Post Office Department announces total sales as 5,277,445. This means that collectors paid the Government $52,774.45 for "scraps of paper" of no authentic postal significance—a mere gesture of courtesy to an importunate philatelic organization which, well aware of the prevailing sentiment against special issues, ought not to have solicited such consideration. The American Philatelic Society was guilty of a similar mistake in 1935, and the sponsors of the Third International Philatelic Exhibition committed a grave error of the same character in 1936.

—James Waldo Fawcett in Washington Sunday Star.

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The KenMore Price List

The KenMore Stamp Company's Price List of stamps of the British Commonwealth of Nations, just off the press, will prove a popular and interesting booklet to all collectors of British Colonials. The 78-page booklet lists and prices net almost every British Colonial stamp, the only exceptions being the great rarities which in Scott's are priced in italics and the stamps of some colonies no longer issuing stamps in which there is at present little interest. As stated the book is a pricelist, not a catalog, and manages to include so many stamps in such a comparatively few pages by some radical innovations in listing and pricing. Three columns of figures are all the listings consist of, the first column being Scott's number(s), the second the number of stamps, the third the price. The lower values of many issues are priced as a set, but the company will supply singles of any at proportionate prices. Higher values are priced separately. Except for Canada and Newfoundland, all are listed as singles and prices only for mint, but the foreword states that used copies will be supplied at one-third Scott's prices, for any of the other possessions. The valuable feature about the price list is that at a glance the collector can determine the value of his stamps and what additional copies would cost, since the KenMore house has in stock at least 95% of all British Colonials, and in this respect differs from many catalogs and pricelists which quote prices but can actually furnish few of the stamps quoted. This vast stock has been amassed principally during the past two years, the company purchasing most of the fine British collections to come on the market during that time. Prices in the list are interesting as they follow the KenMore company's own opinions and are not based on Scott's. Many of the quotations are very low in comparison to other price lists, but a few stamps are equal to Scott's, notably in the Canadian 1897 and 1908 high values, reflecting the supply and demand. All prices are net, no discounts being given on large orders.

Future editions of the list can be expected to be even more popular than the one just issued, for notice is given that eventually they expect to announce a definite buying price based on a fixed discount from the prices in the list. This will go far to stabilize prices of British Colonials, and as the company is the largest buyer of British Colonials in the world it appears that world headquarters for British stamps can safely be said to be the KenMore Stamp Co. Just as Stanley Gibbons price list of U. S. and possessions is the standard for values of those stamps, the KenMore list will have the same relation to British Colonials. They do not sell packets, nor handle any other stamps than British.

The list as advertised elsewhere in this issue is priced at 25c, and may be obtained by sending to the firm at Kenmore, N. Y. The first edition is 15,000 —a fair indication of the number of collectors the book is being distributed to.

Cleveland S. C. Annual

The Cleveland Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, has scheduled its Tenth Annual Exhibit for January 29th and 30th, at the Hotel Hollenden. The exhibit will include a frame of airmail stamps by the Post Office Department. Don Dickason will conduct the auction on the afternoon of the 29th, while the banquet will be held in the evening with music but no speeches. Bourse will continue throughout the two days. Further information from Arthur W. Lee, Publicity Chairman, 1210 Nicholson Ave., Lakewood.

Houseworth's New Paper

Dated January 5th, the first number of Don Houseworth's International Stamp Review has appeared. No. 1 consists of eight pages, approximately same page size as Linn's and includes several articles on current subjects. The former editor of Linn's announces the new paper will be issued each Wednesday. Sample copies may be obtained by writing the publishers, 212 Moss Bldg., St. Joseph, Mo.

Opera Star Is Collector

Lauritz Melchior, Metropolitan Opera tenor, who has a large collection of stamps relating to the opera was to have discussed the collection during the January 15th broadcast on stamp collecting over the NBC Red Network at 5:30 p. m., EST. January 22nd, Theodore Steinway, piano manufacturer, will speak on his collection of philatelic material associated with music.

Stock Exchange Society Exhibits

Third Annual Exhibition of the Stock Exchange Philatelic Society will consist of 100 frames to be shown on the 15th floor of 24 Broad Street, New York City, Jan. 27th through the 29th. It will be open from noon to 8 P. M. except on Saturday the 29th the hours will be 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.

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233	4c Ultramarine	.75	.09
234	5c Chocolate	.85	.14
235	6c Purple	.95	.65
236	8c Magenta	.75	.15
237	10c Dark Brn.	.95	.10
238	15c Dark Green	2.60	1.50
	OMAHA ISSUE (Trans-Mississippi)		
285	1c Green	.32	.10
286	2c Copper Red	.20	.02
287	4c Orange	1.70	.80
288	5c Dull Blue	1.95	.90
289	8c Violet Brown	2.25	1.35
290	10c Gray Violet	2.50	.60
	PAN AMERICAN ISSUE		
294	1c Green	.25	.06
295	2c Carmine	.22	.02
296	4c Chocolate	1.25	.35
297	5c Ultramarine	1.25	.70
298	8c Brown Violet	2.15	1.60
299	10c Yellow Brown	2.20	.85
	LOUISIANA PURCHASE ISSUE		
323	1c Green	.40	.17
324	2c Carmine	.40	.04
325	3c Violet	1.70	1.30
326	5c Blue	2.15	.85
327	10c Brown	5.25	1.10
	JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION		
328	1c Green	.30	.15
329	2c Carmine	.35	.06
330	5c Blue	2.50	1.15
	1909, COMMEMORATIVES		
367	2c Lincoln	.18	.05
369	2c Blue Paper	.....	5.00
370	2c Alaska Yukon	.32	.05
372	2c Hudson Fulton	.18	.09
	PANAMA PACIFIC ISSUE, Perf. 12		
397	1c Green	.25	.05
398	2c Carmine	.35	.02
399	5c Blue	1.90	.55
400	10c Orange Yellow	3.25	.40
400a	10c Orange	.....	.40
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401	1c Green	.80	.18
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403	5c Blue	.....	.60
404	10c Orange	.....	1.50
	VICTORY ISSUE		
537	3c Violet	.40	.15
537b	3c Pale Red	.70	.25
	PARCEL POST PICTORIALS		
1450	1c Carmine	.07	.03
1451	2c Carmine	.13	.02
1452	3c Carmine	.22	.21
1453	4c Carmine	.60	.06
1454	5c Carmine	.....	.03
1455	10c Carmine	.....	.06
1456	15c Carmine	.....	.30
1457	20c Carmine	1.40	.40
1458	25c Carmine	.....	.10
1459	50c Carmine	.....	1.20
1460	75c Carmine	1.60	.90
1461	$1 Carmine	.....	.60
	SPECIAL HANDLING		
1464	10c Yellow Green	.12	.08
1465	15c Yellow Green	.18	.10
1466	20c Yellow Green	.24	.15
1467	25c Yellow Green	.30	.30
1467a	25c Deep Green	.70	.20

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613	2c Black (Perf. 10)	.....	2.50	.65	.06	2.20
	HUGUENOT WALLOON ISSUE					
614	1c Green	1.50	.60	.15	.08	.45
615	2c Carmine	2.50	1.20	.27	.06	.70
616	5c Blue	.....	7.50	1.50	1.00	4.10
	LEXINGTON CONCORD ISSUE					
617	1c Green	.....	.75	.18	.17	.55
618	2c Carmine	.....	1.15	.28	.24	1.15
619	5c Blue	.....	3.00	.65	.60	2.80
	NORSE AMERICAN ISSUE					
620	2c Carmine and Black	.....	1.20	.26	.25	1.15
621	5c Blue and Black	.....	5.00	1.20	1.15	4.75
	1926-29 COMMEMORATIVES					
627	2c Sesquicentennial	1.20	.60	.14	.02	.40
628	5c Ericsson	3.20	1.60	.38	.14	1.00
629	2c White Plains	1.00	.50	.12	.07	.30
629b	2c Exhibition sheet (25)	.....	.....	6.00	.....	4.00
643	2c Vermont	.70	.45	.11	.06	.35
644	2c Burgoyne	1.70	.90	.22	.18	.80
645	2c Valley Forge	.70	.32	.08	.03	.35
646	2c Molly Pitcher	.75	.32	.08	.08	.32
647	2c Hawaii	1.40	.75	.17	.12	.60
648	5c Hawaii	3.50	1.80	.45	.42	1.80
649	2c Aeronautics	.60	.32	.08	.04	.30
650	5c Aeronautics	1.70	1.00	.24	.15	.60
651	2c Rogers Clarke	.35	.28	.07	.07	.28
654	2c Edison Flat	.50	.25	.07	.04	.20
655	2c Edison Rotary	.85	.40	.10	.01	.20
657	2c Sullivan	.40	.19	.05	.03	.15
	1929-31 COMMEMORATIVES					
680	2c Fallen Timbers	.65	.32	.08	.07	.30
681	2c Ohio Canal	.45	.20	.05	.05	.20
682	2c Massachusetts Bay	.45	.20	.05	.02	.12
683	2c Charleston	.75	.36	.09	.08	.35
688	2c Braddock	.45	.24	.06	.06	.25
689	2c Von Steuben	.55	.24	.06	.04	.18
690	2c Pulaski	.40	.20	.05	.02	.10
702	2c Red Cross	.20	.14	.03	.02	.08
703	2c Yorktown	.28	.22	.06	.06	.22
	WASHINGTON BICENTENNIALS					
704	½c Brown	.10	.06	.02	.01	.03
705	1c Green	.15	.10	.03	.01	.06
706	1½c Brown	.36	.20	.05	.01	.14
707	2c Carmine	.20	.12	.03	.01	.03
708	3c Violet	.85	.48	.12	.01	.10
709	4c Brown	.35	.24	.06	.01	.06
710	5c Blue	.50	.36	.09	.01	.06
711	6c Red Orange	.80	.60	.15	.01	.15
712	7c Black	.50	.36	.09	.02	.12
713	8c Olive	.70	.44	.11	.03	.35
714	9c Rose	.75	.50	.13	.02	.16
715	10c Orange	1.25	.90	.20	.01	.06
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716	2c Lake Placid	.30	.15	.04	.02	.10
717	2c Arbor Day	.35	.16	.04	.01	.08
718	3c Olympics	.60	.32	.08	.01	.15
719	5c Olympics	.65	.32	.08	.03	.12
724	3c William Penn	.45	.20	.05	.02	.10
725	3c Daniel Webster	.45	.23	.06	.02	.10
726	3c Oglethorpe	.35	.20	.05	.02	.10
727	3c Newburgh	.30	.20	.05	.02	.08
728	1c Chicago	.14	.08	.02	.01	.03
729	3c Chicago	.30	.20	.05	.01	.03
732	3c N. R. A.	.35	.24	.06	.01	.03
733	3c Byrd	.55	.30	.08	.07	.25
734	5c Kosciusko	.65	.32	.08	.03	.10
736	3c Maryland	.38	.20	.05	.02	.10
737	3c Mothers Day Rotary	.22	.18	.05	.01	.04
738	3c Mothers Day Flat	.30	.20	.05	.03	.14
739	3c Wisconsin	.28	.20	.05	.02	.14
	NATIONAL PARKS ISSUE					
740	1c Green	.12	.08	.02	.01	.06
741	2c Red	.24	.14	.04	.01	.06
742	3c Purple	.34	.20	.05	.01	.06
743	4c Brown	.42	.24	.06	.03	.12
744	5c Blue	.55	.30	.08	.03	.12
745	6c Indigo	.85	.45	.11	.05	.20
746	7c Black	.65	.36	.09	.05	.25
747	8c Green	.78	.44	.11	.06	.25
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774	3c Boulder Dam	.25	.16	.04	.01	.08
775	3c Michigan	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
776	3c Texas	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
777	3c Rhode Island	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
782	3c Arkansas	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
783	3c Oregon	.20	.16	.04	.01	.10
784	3c Susan Anthony	.22	.16	.04	.01	.05
	ARMY SERIES					
785	1c Green	.09	.08	.02	.01	.04
786	2c Red	.18	.12	.03	.01	.06
787	3c Purple	.24	.16	.04	.01	.06
788	4c Grey	.36	.20	.05	.03	.14
789	5c Blue	.45	.25	.07	.03	.14
	NAVY SERIES					
790	1c Green	.09	.08	.02	.01	.04
791	2c Red	.18	.12	.03	.01	.06
792	3c Purple	.24	.16	.04	.01	.06
793	4c Grey	.36	.20	.05	.03	.14
794	5c Blue	.45	.25	.07	.03	.14
	1937 COMMEMORATIVES					
795	3c Northwest	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
796	5c Virginia Dare	.60	.25	.07	.03	.14
798	3c Constitution	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
799	3c Hawaii	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
800	3c Alaska	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
801	3c Puerto Rico	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08
802	3c Virgin Island	.20	.16	.04	.01	.08

COMMEMORATIVE IMPERFS

Scott No.		Mint Block	Mint Single	Used Single	Used Block
368	2c Lincoln	—	$1.65	$1.25	—
371	2c Alaska Yukon	—	1.65	1.25	$6.00
373	2c Hudson Fulton	—	1.80	1.60	6.50
612	2c Harding	$1.80	.45	.30	1.20
730	1c Chicago	.12	.03	.02	.08
731	3c Chicago	.20	.05	.04	.16
735	3c Byrd (sheet .56)	.40	.10	.08	.32
750	3c Park (sheet .50)	.36	.09	.05	.30
751	1c Park (sheet .28)	.20	.05	.04	.20
754	3c Mothers Day	.40	.10	.09	.35
755	3c Wisconsin	.40	.10	.09	.35
756-65	Farley Parks	4.50	1.10	1.00	4.00
778-81	3c Tipex sheet	.28	.07	.06	.25
797	10c S. P. A.	—	.14	.10	—

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1301	16c 1918	.90	1313	$1.30 Graf Zepp	11.00
1302	24c 1918	1.20	1314	$2.60 Graf Zepp	16.50
1303	8c 1923	.42	1315	5c Winged Globe	.01
1304	16c 1923	1.50	1316	8c Winged Globe	.01
1305	24c 1923	.75	1317	50c Chi. Zepp	2.10
1306	10c Map	.03	1318	6c Winged Globe	.01
1307	15c Map	.12	1319	25c Clipper	.20
1308	20c Map	.10	1320	20c Clipper	.13
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386	2c Carmine	.45	—
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388	2c Carmine	4.75	—
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391	2c Carmine	.30	—
392	1c Green	.65	—
393	2c Carmine	.20	—
394	3c Violet	.60	1.20
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396	5c Blue	.40	.80
410	1c Green	.08	.16
411	2c Carmine	.14	.40
412	1c Green	.08	.16
413	2c Carmine	.04	—
441	1c Green	.03	.06
442	2c Carmine	.35	—
443	1c Green	.25	—
444	2c Carmine	.04	.30
445	3c Violet	4.35	—
446	4c Brown	1.60	—
447	5c Blue	.50	—
448	1c Green	.04	.09
449	2c Carmine	.12	.24
452	1c Green	.04	.08
453	2c Carmine	.06	.12
456	3c Violet	3.50	—
457	4c Brown	.60	1.30
458	5c Blue	.30	—
486	1c Green	.02	.04
487	2c Carmine	.04	.08
489	3c Violet	.04	.08
490	1c Green	.01	.02
491	2c Carmine	.01	.02
493	3c Violet	.02	.04
495	4c Brown	.10	.20
496	5c Blue	.05	.10
497	10c Orange	.18	.36
604	1c Green	.01	.02
605	1½c Brown	.02	.04
606	2c Carmine	.02	.04
597	1c Green	.01	.02
598	1½c Brown	.02	.04
599	2c Carmine	.01	.02
600	3c Violet	.01	.02
601	4c Brown	.03	.07
602	5c Blue	.02	.05
603	10c Orange	.02	.05
656	2c Edison	.03	.10
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Editor's Notebook

STUBBORNESS AND STAMPS

We have read much and been told even more of the trials, speculations, disasters, disappointments etc. etc. engendered by the Coronations. Everyone blames the heavy plunging by all who could afford it and many who couldn't on that group known to philately as "speculators" and currently denounced with all the vigor of a Washington pronunciamento on rugged individualists. In putting the blame on the speculators, we are making a serious mistake. Wouldn't it be more correct to blame the situation which leads to speculation? This whole Coronation splurge was based on the common knowledge that the Jubilees had skyrocketed in value, bringing goodly profits to those fortunate to get in on the "ground floor." And the reason the Jubilees skyrocketed was simply because there was not enough issued to meet the demand. Most of the Colonies, and stamp dealers too, had underestimated the prospective demand for the issue, consequently the amounts of the initial printings were in general far too small. The obvious thing to have done was to print more, if for no other reason than that postoffices would have some of the stamps to sell to the non-collecting public, but here the traditional stubborness of the residents of the foggy isle came into play. It has been claimed that the reason the British Empire is so vast is because once they made an error in trying to take some slice of territory, they refused to admit the error. Stamps seem to be issued on the same line of lack of sense. For years collectors and dealers have complained of the continued policy of placing all sorts of petty obstacles and restrictions in the path of philately. One current kick is about the orders that forbid picking centered stamps. With the large proportion of revenue received by many of the colonies from philatelic sources, the Colonial officials should be ashamed to admit this.

Cover collectors know too well the "can'ts" and "won'ts" they encounter in all directions. Then with a vigor that on its face seems sincere the postal officials deplore the speculation in their stamps and point to their actions as proof of their innocence of encouraging it. The sincerity of those statements can be doubted for they have yet to take the one obvious step to eliminate the speculation. When the Coronations were announced, it should also have been stated that supplies of the stamps sufficient to meet all demands for a stated time would be maintained. That simple statement would have kept buying on a sensible basis and spared us all this mad mobbing of postoffices scattered in every forgotten port of the world. Spared us as well the headache for which philately is still taking aspirin. Some people term the attitude of the Crown Agents and Colonial Postmasters "conservative" but in plain words its just a stubborn refusal to face facts. Our British contemporaries have frequently made pointed and even unkind remarks on the frequency of U. S. commemoratives, but we at least don't indulge on a nation-wide buying spree caused by trying to guess how many of a stamp is to be issued.

—R. R.

George Linn, the Managing Editor has been laid up with the flu for the past two weeks but by the time this reaches print he expects to be up and

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Elliott M. Walton, who specializes in mint 20th Century foreign wholesale has just issued his list No. 18, dated January 1938, with 29 pages of offerings.

Harold C. Brooks of Marshall, Mich., once well known in stamp circles is now in a business quite different from stamp dealing, advertising a truss in the pulp paper magazines.

Kazuo Takahashi, General Manager at San Francisco for the N. Y. K. steamship line, is claimed to have one of the two known copies of the Japanese 6 yen of 1875 in a minor variety supposedly worth $10,000.

Navy divers are attempting to recover documents and other papers aboard the sunken U. S. S. Panay. If the naval covers are recovered, they should prove exceptions to the run-of-mine navals, the soaking in the Yangtze no doubt removing the super-super-cachets.

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The Milbert Stamp Co., recently ran an adv. in a stamp magazine, offering very fine early United States in sheets. In response, they received two exceptional offers: the trade of a house, and the trade of a 1937 Packard. They weren't accepted.

A Brooklyn dentist ran a classified adv. last October in the New York Sun offering to do dental work in exchange for stamps. Apparently (we can't resist this) getting good stamps is like pulling teeth!

The New York Sun of Jan. 7th carried an amusing cartoon under the caption "Uptown and Downtown" drawn by Fred Neher. It showed a scene behind the Parcel Post Window, the supervisor giving these instructions to the stamp clerk: "Try to push the two-cent stamps . . . we had a run on the three-centers during the holidays."

J. M. Bartels is the first of the large auction houses to sell precancels. Their January 6-7 auction included 50 lots of precancels, of which about one-fifth were sold to Stanley Gibbons. It was noticed that the lots of Albuquerque and Chattanooga precancels went to home-town collectors.

In my January 8th column I published a warning to watch out for one Samuel Davids, etc. His real name turns out to be Sydney Kaplan and was captured January 7th in the office of Emil Bruechig. Every dealer had the man's description and when he entered Bruechig's, he was told to wait a few minutes. Henry Berner of the Rockefeller Stamp Co. and Thomas Nowalski were called and hurried over, Berner identifying him immediately as the man who robbed the Rockefeller firm. On his calling the police, Kaplan made a break for it, but Nowalski brought him down with a flying tackle and then sat on him until the arrival of the police. Kaplan was held under $500 bail on charges of theft from the Rockefeller Stamp Co., but if not convicted faces at least five other similar actions. Total of stamps alleged stolen is believed to be around $300 and a little matter of alleged forging is being investigated by the District Attorney's office. Kaplan claimed he was driven to his crimes by loan sharks who threatened his life unless he repaid sums owed.

Wholesale dealers report a large drop in business the past two weeks—probably the aftermath of Christmas. Dealers in new issues reported an increase of business.

An additional 30,000 of the French Colonial Exposition sheets have been printed, doubling the original order. Original prices of 125 fr. for the set of 24 having face of 76.50 francs may suffer from this, although most dealers steered clear of the issue because of its manner of issue.

Wm. M. Stuart writing in the Washington Post opines that while the A. P. S. has had three souvenir sheets, and the S. P. A. one, the American Air Mail Society has had none, and if one society is honored this year, all three should be. Sounds fair enough, but since these conventions occur every year, must we have sheets every year too?

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Or mine too for that matter. I have received notice from Dr. Hallam and also note in the Jan. Midwest Precancel Collector that the Board of Governors of the P.S.S. has decided to continue for another year the plan to award a suitable plaque or medal to the writer of the outstanding article on Precancels which has best contributed to the Precancel Hobby during the year ending July 1, 1938. Any Article will be eligible for consideration, if published in an established Philatelic Journal or paper under the name of the author, who may or may not be a member of the Precancel Stamp Society. The reason for ending the contest if you can call it that on July 1st, is to give the committee time to check over the eligible articles and have ready the name of the winner which is to be announced at the Convention in St. Louis.

FT. WAYNE STOCK

The appearance of the Ft. Wayne bureau fakes led collectors to investigate the existing stock of bureaus in the Ft. Wayne office. Ray Oelfke in the Jan. Midwest gives us the following figures. B73s about 2000 sheets. No B81s. Small stock B76s but good for about a year and a half of ordinary use. Enough items of B79 and B80 to last for about three years.

NOTES

Picked up a Cincinnati B74 that comes as near to a double as I have found. Very plain additional lines but not much trace of another Cincinnati. - - - From BALTIMORE to BALTIMORE. In a nice cover franked with a block of BALTIMORE, MD., B70s comes notice that the BALTIMORE PRECANCEL CLUB is an actuality. Collectors can get in touch with the club at 2332 Eutaw Place. - - - The Scorpion pats itself on the back for turning up the Quitman, Ga., double line items. More power to IT, THEM or THOSE. - - - A new mimeographed sheet called the PRECANCEL MINUTE MAN, published by Walt McIntosh, Jr., the man who collects nothing but U-17 items. Walts paper then goes on to list a new type from Washington, D. C., that is a cross between a double line and a U-17. The legend is in U-17 style and is between double lines. It was noted on the 25c down. You can address Walt at Box 145, Philadelphia, Pa. - - - Bob Briggs mailed out an auction list with a Beverly, Mass, 121. His address upon request. - - - Landed a KINGSPORT, TENN., Electric Eye item this week in U-121 type.

MEET.

The Echo Park Precancel Club of Los Angeles, will celebrate its 4th Anniversary Jan. 25th. A party is planned also a cachet cover. Write Fred H. Thorne, 14417½ Tiara St., Van Nuys, Calif., for details.

DOUBLE LINE LISTINGS

Along with the 127th auction sale list of Hoover Bros. came a list of double line electro items reported since the appearance of the Double Line catalog, a regular size 8½x11 sheet full on both sides, and three columns to a page. There were several items mentioned from Rochester, N. Y., in BLUE INK that took my eye. The 1c, 10c and 50c up were the items so listed. I came across an item this week not in the catalog and not on this list, a 10c current from Washington, D. C., in U-16 double.

CANADA

(Scott's) 1c EACH (Used)

75	86	89	90	104	105	106	121
122	123	125	142	149	150	163	176
180	185	186	190	195	196	197	213
217	218	219	221	230	233	404	407

2c EACH (Used)

32	33	76	98	107	108	109	114
120	124	126	144	153	155	162	165
168	177	183	191	192	199	205	405
223	237	901	905	906	911	916	912

MINT			USED		
Set 66 to 7[illegible]		$3.70	Set 211 to 216		$ .75
Set 74 to 81		6.65	Set 149 to 159		1.40
Set 96 to 103		7.40	78a	$ .04	82 $ .05
Set 211 to 216		.75	88	.38	97 .08
21	$1.10	82a $5.25	92	.05	98 .12
40	.08	43 .60	110	.09	201 .04
44	1.00	51 .07	210	.08	208 .05
52	.10	53 .09	224	.05	225 .04
54	.40	55 2.25	505	.06	34 .09
56	.70	57 .90	35	.22	47 .45
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New Gunesch B. P. List

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Now that both the A. P. S. and S. P. A. have had their miniature sheets we can expect the Precancel Stamp Society to yell for one too. Think of the smiles in the postoffice treasury office when they contemplate the profits in issuing a block of Bureau Prints!

A Stunt Precancel

Under this heading H. P. Hoskins relates in Adolf Gunesch's Precancel Optimist the story of the 1c Panama-Pacific precancelled with Detroit Type II. It seems that in 1913 when Gen. C. A. Coolidge was elected to the A.P.S. Presidency his friends in Detroit wished to do something special on the occasion and the General being a precancel collector, they proceeded to get a special plate made to fit the odd size 1c Panamas then current. Most of the printing was used by a business concern, but blocks were presented to attendants at the convention at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. This is the only stamp with this special plate overprint.

Stephen G. Rich, publisher of the Bureau Print Catalog has announced the twentieth edition will appear about February 20th.

Among the persons scheduled to appear on the weekly NBC stamp program at 5:30 P. M. each Saturday during the next few weeks are Lily Pons the opera star, and Sol Bloom of George Washington Bicentennial fame.

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New House Organ

"The Stamp Collectors Companion," which Robert E. Diamond, 125 Church St., N. Y., states he hopes to make just that, has made its initial appearance. Some very interesting notes and an article on the 1847 issue by Dr. Chase make the first number a good one.

Naval Cancels — Cachets

By FREDERICK W. HORTON

ANCS 656

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Walter J. Dybas, ANCS 576, 253 Guilford Street, Buffalo, N. Y., will sponsor the following bicolored cachets. Include forwarding. Feb. 12 Savannah, Ga. settled. A 205th anniv. mailed from a naval ship and Savannah, Ga. Feb. 14 Valentine Day mailed from 3 ships. Feb. 22 Florida Ceded to the U. S., mailed from a naval ship.

Samuel Stein, 1450 40th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., will sponsor cachets for Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday. Covers will be mailed from 5 naval ships on each birthday. Closing Date Feb. 1st., include forwarding postage.

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Irene Griffith, ANCS 64, 19th & Seabrook, Topeka, Kans., will sponsor a cachet for the birthday of the USS Whippoorwill. Deadline is March 1st. Include forwarding.

Edward E. Bryan, P. O. Box 304, Albany, Ore, will sponsor several unusual cachet events of the 40th anniversary of the Spanish-American War. Collectors may send 5 to 10 covers with forwarding fee, for historical ship mailings of these events, starting soon.

Frederick Horton, (address at head of column), will sponsor a printed cachet for Washington's Birthday. Covers will be cancelled on at least three ships on the same cover. Closing date is Feb. 15th, include forwarding.

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Australasian Notes

S. ZELENKO

The Solomon and Gilbert & Ellice Islands present now one of the few instances where a collector prefers the cancellation postmark to the stamp itself, that is of course, if current market quotations are reflecting the likes and dislikes of philatelists. In fact, collectors prefer the cancellation to such a degree, as to tempt certain unscrupulous persons to forge the postmarks, especially of the first days of issue of the Solomon and Gilberts Coronation stamps, which are May 13th and 12th respectively.

The scarcity of used stamps from these islands is due mainly to their very real isolation and the very small number of inhabitants able or willing to act as agents for stamp dealers. The Solomon Group consists of a double row of islands, all volcanic and mountainous, extending south-eastward from the Bismarck Archipelago for a distance of about 900 miles. It comprises seven large islands and many small ones, those in the north-eastern row being Bouganville, Choiseul, Ysable and Malaita and in the south-western—New Georgia, Guadalcanal and San Cristoval. The largest of the islands, Bouganville, is about 140 miles long and 35 broad.

The total native population of the islands is approximately 150,000 and they are employed in the export of sandalwood, pearl-shell, ivory, nuts and copra. The climate however is very unhealthy, due mainly to the very heavy rainfall and consequently the white population is restricted to officials and agents. The Postmasters of the various post offices throughout the islands are forbidden by British laws to cancel covers sent in to them and since it is very hard to contact suitable persons who would undertake this task, the posting of the covers on the islands becomes quite a difficult problem for the dealer and collector alike.

The same situation is encountered in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. This Colony comprises Ocean Island, which is now the headquarters of the administration, the Islands of the Gilbert or Kingsmill Group, the Islands of the Ellice Group, the Islands of the Union Group together with Fanning and Washington Islands. The above Groups were incorporated into the British Empire in 1893 and became a Colony by His Majesty's Orders in Council of 1915-1916.

The Colony is administered by a resident commissioner responsible to the High Commissioner for the Pacific at Fiji. The Gilbert Group (named after Capt. Gilbert who explored it in 1788) is the largest in the Colony with a population of approximately 30,000 natives (area—166 sq. miles).

The Ellice Islands, which like those of the Gilbert Group are purely coralline and of only a few feet elevation have a population of about 3,000. All the natives are Christianized, the London Missionary Society having teachers throughout the islands.

The Silver Jubilee issue in 1935 and the Coronation issue two years later, have brought this group of islands into prominence, and there is something in the word "scarce" that makes any stamp attractive and desirable.

While first day covers from almost all Colonies were selling at three to four times the face value of the Coronation set, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands first days were at one time quoted at no less than 200 times the face value of the set. Then quite substantial quantities of forged first day postmarks came to light and the inevitable bitter disappointment of hundreds of collectors has been reflected in the spectacular drop in their price. The fact is, that collectors are simply afraid to buy any first day covers of this Colony, but no fears need be entertained in the case of registered and properly backstamped (Sydney or Melbourne backstamp) "first" or "any other day" covers.

Although first day cancellations are really scarce, later day postmarks from these islands are of great interest to the collector, for coming as they do from the palm fringed islands where the Pacific softly breathes, they carry a tale of, shall I say, happy isolation, which strangely enough has made them so much sought after.

AUSTRALIA.

The Australian Stamp Monthly records the issue of the 1/6 stamp, Scott No. 304, on watermarked paper. Its appearance was noted first in Perth, Western Australia, on Nov. 1. It will be remembered that this stamp was previously printed on unwatermarked, chalk surfaced paper.

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